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Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers
Attn.: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Street
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Reasons for Saving the Dams:

- 1) Electrical Power is environmentally clean and reusable. The four dams generate 3,483 megawatts, which is equivalent to providing power to all residents in Idaho & Montana. Without this power, brownouts will occur in WA during peak use months.
- 2) Without barging it will take approximately 700,000 additional diesel truckloads to move agricultural products to coastal ports.
- 3) 36,000 irrigated acres will be lost in WA, & 450,000 in Idaho.
- 4) Wetlands and wildlife habitat created by the dams and agricultural irrigation will be lost.
- 5) Millions of dollars worth of taxes will be lost, as businesses close and jobs are lost.
- 6) Lost flood & erosion control will cause millions of dollars of damage.
- 7) Ag irrigation contributes to ground water tables.
- 8) Irrigated agriculture cleans the carbon dioxide out of the air reducing the greenhouse effect. No federal/state program has been established to mitigate the above-mentioned adverse effects or removing the dams.

Sincerely,



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